

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
LAS VEGAS ATCT/TRACON  
699 Wright Brothers Lane  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**

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**LAS VEGAS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 06-02**

**SUBJECT: McCarran International Airport, Departure Delays.**

**CANCELLATION: May 8, 2008**

Las Vegas, Nevada, continues to experience a tremendous growth in tourism and air traffic. Due to this growth, departure traffic at McCarran International Airport on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday has become extremely heavy. During peak arrival/departure periods it is not uncommon for aircraft to experience departure delays of 30 to 60 minutes. Quite often, this comes as a surprise to the non-scheduled or general aviation aircraft that wish to depart McCarran International Airport.

To assist the general aviation community and to avoid lengthy departure delays it is recommended that whenever possible you schedule your departure from McCarran International Airport during the following times:

- a. Before 0900L.
- b. 1730L to 2200L.

Departing during these recommended times should help to minimize departure delays.

NOTE: During periods of strong winds, inclement weather, runway/taxiway construction or closures departure delays will be incurred regardless of departure time.

We hope this information will assist you in planning your departure and help reduce departure delays. Should you have any questions, please contact the Las Vegas Tower Operations Manager at 702-262-5910.



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